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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Jose Mario Juan Diaz** (NA60027557) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of unlawful imprisonment — domestic violence, and assault — domestic violence.

Clark County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Denis A. Nikiforyan** (NA60136029) and placed his registration on probation for two years. He was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, and minor in possession on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Cowlitz County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Anna M. Harrington** (NC10083502) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged **Diane M. Hunter** (CP00004291) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to keep records secure, and took records to a new work assignment without authorization.

Grant County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Jennifer R. Owens** (NA60097975, NC60102017) from terms and conditions set against her registration and certification.

Island County

In April 2010 the Board of Hearing and Speech granted the application of speech-language pathologist **Marguerite Rogers** (LL60117151) and placed restrictions against her license. Her Oregon and Idaho licenses for speech-language pathologist have restrictions placed against them. She can't treat patients with dysphagia. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

King County

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Stacy Lynne Holt** (CO60117670) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft and must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In April 2010 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Leann Marie King** (RC00059217).

In April 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Joseph M. McCreery** (MD00021272) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Rhonda M. Purcell-Holman** (HC00148273) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly filled numerous prescriptions for herself using different physician names without their authorization.

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the registration of **Ethan A. Rourke** (NA00180109) on probation for two years. He attempted to control a patient by dragging her by her feet into a room. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In April 2010 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jeffrey P. Stevens** (CO60141752) and placed his certification on probation for two years. Terms and conditions were set against his registration to practice as a counselor. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Nature A. Thornhill** (HC60031593) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of driving under the influence of intoxicants, and allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about the conviction.

Kitsap County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Joni Lee Noehl** (NA60126323) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She entered into a diversion agreement for a charge of assault, and while working as a medical technician she made numerous medication administration and documentation errors. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In April 2010 the Health Care Assistant and Nursing Assistant Programs charged certified nursing assistant **Gabrielle T. Valdez** (HC00153071, NC10096429) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her credentials.

Mason County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Angelita Legaspi Lindstrom** (NC10099202) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Pierce County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against certified nursing assistant **Nannette M. Collins** (NC10054187).

In April 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Manuel P. Posadas** (MD00021612) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his Washington license.

In April 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Karen E. Riveness** (LP00048682) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2010 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Tessa Maritt Turnbull** (D160054118) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She entered into a deferred prosecution for driving under the influence and resisting arrest, was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion, tampering with interlock, and driving while license suspended. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Snohomish County

In April 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Susan A. Martin** (RC00059495), also known as Susan Anette Bettinger, with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Spokane County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Stephanie J. McGinnis** (NA00151166).

Whatcom County

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program released certified nursing assistant **Heidi L. Cayce** (NC10076133) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

Yakima County

In April 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Jeffrey L. Boggs** (RC00055200) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In April 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Deanna G. Harris** (NA60138868) and placed her registration on probation for one year. She was convicted of assault, driving while license suspended on more than one occasion, driving under the influence on more than one occasion, and operating a motor vehicle without ignition interlock. She also failed to disclose the convictions on her application. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Out of State

California: In March 2010 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician **Huan M. Truong** (MD60125762). He failed to meet requirements to be licensed, and failed to notify the department he withdrew his application to be licensed in California due to making false statements and misrepresentations on his application.

North Carolina: In April 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Joni S. Pyle** (LP00040615) with unprofessional conduct. Her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in North Carolina is suspended due to allegations of drug diversion, and substance abuse.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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